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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SYLWESTER KALISKI, MINISTER OF SCIENCE, HIGHER
EDUCATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

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1. THIS CONFIRMS EMBASSY'S REQUEST, CONVEYED IN REF A TELP
MSHQCCNIT
ULQA#AND THE KALISKI PARTY'S TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IN U.S.
FOLLOWING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. IT ALSO CONSOLIDATED
INFORMATION GIVEN AND REQUESTED IN REFERENCES E THROUGH H.
THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE POLISH ASSUMPTION THAT NSF
IS OFFERING TO KALISKI AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO THE U.S.
HAS ROOTS IN THEIR INTERPRETATION OF STEVERS'S LETTER OF
INVITATION TO AKLISKI. THE MINISTRY APPEARS TO INTERPRET
THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 3 AND 4 OF THAT
LETTER AS INDICATIVE OF NSF'S PREPAREDNESS TO BACK UP A
COURTESY OFFER TO VISIT WITH FUNDS. AT NO TIME DID THE
EMBASSY OFFER KALISKI AND ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP. HOWEVER,
WE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT PROVE POSSIBLE TO
SPONSOR A VISIT TO POINTS OF INTEREST TO HIM ELSEWHERE IN
THE U.S. AFTER HIS WASHINGTON STAY.

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2. DURING HIS APRIL 15 MEETING WITH KLIMKIEWICZ, REPORTED

IN REFERENCE E, SCIATT MADE NO COMMITMENTS WHATSOEVER WITH REGARD TO KALISKI'S FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ITINERARY. FURTHERMORE, CURRENT SCIATT DID NOT DISCUSS WITH KLIMKIEWICZ PARTIAL IVP GRANT TO SUPPORT KALISKI'S VISIT, AND THERE IS NO RECORD AT THE EMBASSY THAT FORMER SCIATT GREENBERG DID SO EITHER.

3. THE SUBJECT OF AN IVP GRANT SR KLIMKIEWICZ WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER (ON OR ABOUT APRIL 9) AND INDEPENDENTLY OF SCIATT, BETWEEN KLIMKIEWICZ AND ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER. AT THAT TIME, EMBASSY REPORTED IN REFERENCE H THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NSF WOULD FUND KALISKI'S 10-DAY VJF TO THE U.S. IN SUBSEQUENT AND MORE RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH KLIMKIEWICZ, WE LEARNED THAT THE POLISH SIDE IS PREPARED TO FUND THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR ALL IN THE KALISKI PARTY AND EXPECTS THE COST OF DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR THE KALISKIS AND KLIMKIEWICZ TO BE BORNE BY US. KLIMKIEWICZ ALSO SAID THAT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF COUNSELOR CZULNO'S ESCORT EXPENSES FOR THE DOMESTIC LEG OF THE TRIP.

4. THE EMBASSY TAKES NOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION STATE IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFERENCE B WITH REGARD TO KLIMKIEWICZ'S CANDIDACY FOR AN FY-75 IVP GRANT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ZJ#

ALL THAT THIS GRANT WAS AWARDED IN JUNE 1975. THERE WAS NO WAY THAT WE COULD HAVE NAMED KLIMKIEWICZ AS AN ALTERNATE ON THIS GRANT BY JUNE 30, 1975. THE EMBASSY DID NOT FIND OUT UNTIL EARLY APRIL THAT RECTOR FAJFAREK WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL ON THIS GRANT. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN SEEKING FURTHER POSSIBILITIES OF AN IVP GRANT FOR KLIMKIEWICZ. THE DEPARTMENT CORRECTLY ASSUMES IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFERENCE B THAT KLIMKIEWICZ SEEKS ONLY A PARTIAL IVP GRANT IN VIEW OF HIS TRAVEL BY LOT.

5. THE EMBASSY SEEKS NSF'S CLARIFICATION ON THE SUPPORT FOR MRS. KALISKA, THE WIFE OF THE MINISTER. OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT MRS. KALISKA NORMALLY ACCOMPANIES HER HUSBAND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON BUSINESS TRIPS OF THIS NATURE AND, IN FACT, SHE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION (APRIL 12-16) WHERE SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE HOSTED BY CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN IN MOSCOW WHERE KALISKI ALSO VISITED THE BASOV LABORATORY AND SEVERAL OTHER LASER FACILITIES.

6 THE EMBASSY ALSO CONFIRMS THAT, BASED ON VERY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH KLIMKIEWICZ, THE KALISKI PARTY ORIGINATING

IN WARSAW WILL CONSIST OF THREE PERSON - THE MINISTER,
MRS. KALISKI, AND KLIMKIEWICZ.

7. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING AND AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCE A,
THE EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS TO KNOW NSF'S POSITION ON DOMESTIC
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES FOR THE KALISKIS AND KLIMKIEWICZ
IN ORDER THAT THE EMBASSY MAY EXPEDITIOUSLY CONVEY THAT
POSITION TO THE MINISTRY.

8. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT A VISIT BY KALISKI IS ACCEPTABLE
TO THE RAND CORPORATION IN SANTA MONICA, AND NATIONAL
ACCELERATOR LABORATORY IN BATAVIA, AND STANFORD LINEAR
ACCELERATOR CENTER IN STANFORD. KLIMKIEWICZ
CONFIRMS THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY KALISKI TO ALL THE FACILI-
TIES NAMED ON THE SCHEDULE; HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT
KNOW WHETHER CZULNO PLANS TO DO THE SAME.

9. KLIMKIEWICZ ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER KALISKI
AGREES TO THE MAY 16 ARRIVAL DATE PROPOSED BY NSF. IN
REFERENCE D. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR KALISKI IS NOW
PRESUMED:

MAY 16 - ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAY 17 - A.M. - MEETING WITH DR. STEVER, NSF, AND
DOCTORS PERKINS, COURTLAND, AND HARKEN, NAE
P.M. - MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FREDERIC IRVING, OES

18 - A.M. - FLIGHT TO CHICAGO, ILL. TRIP BY CAR
TO BATAVIA, ILL.

MAY 19 - A.M. - TOUR OF BATAVIA NATIONAL ACCELERATOR
LABORATORY

P.M. - FLIGHT TO ALBURGUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

MAY 20 - A.M. - TOUR OF LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES
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P.M. - FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MAY 21 - VISIT TO THE RAND CORPORATION, SANTA MONICA

MAY 22 - FREE DAY IN LOS ANGELES

MAY 23 - A.M. - FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO. REMAINDER OF
THE DAY FREE IN SAN FRANCISCO OR TRIP TO
STANFORD

MAY 24 - A.M. - TOUR OF STANFORD LINEAR ACCELERATOR CENTER

MAY 25 - A.M. - TRIP TO BOSTON, MASS.

MAY 26 - A.M. - VISIT TO MIT, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

P.M. - FLIGHT TO WARSAW

MAY 27 - ARRIVAL IN WARSAW

10. SCIATT IS PUZZLED BY THE STATEMENT IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF
REFERENCE B CONCERNING ERDA'S LACK OF AWARENESS OF A SIGNIFI-
CANT POLISH LASER FUSION ACTIVITY. IN MAY 1975, KALISKI

HOSTED THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LASER PLASMA IN WARSAW WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY HIGH-RANKING SCIENTISTS FROM ERDA-SUPPORTED LABORATORIES AT LIVERMORE AND LOS ALAMOS. AT THAT TIME, THE AMERICAN LASER SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING THE SCIATT, VISITED THE INSTITUTE OF PLASMA PHYSICS AND LASER MICROFUSION AT BEMOWO WHERE THE POLISH INSTALLATIONS THEY SAY DREW SIGNIFICANT INTEREST AND FAVORABLE COMMENT. COMPARED IN SIZE TO THE U.S. EFFORT, POLISH LASER FUSION RESEARCH IS RELATIVELY SMALL AND THUS PERHAPS CONSIDERED "INSIGNIFICANT" BY ERDA. POLAND, AND MORE PRECISELY KALISKI, SEEK NOVEL WAYS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF THERMONUCLEAR FUSION THAT ARE ECONOMICALLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL. THER TO LASER FUSION IS BOTH UNIQUE AND HEAVILY ALIGNED WITH THE MAMMOTH EFFORT CONDUCTED IN THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT KALISKI'S INSTITUTE OF PLASMA PHYSICS AND LASER MICROFUSION WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF BASOV'S GROUP AT THE LEBEDEVY PHYSICS INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW.

11. SICATT IS WELL AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF LASER RESEARCH AT LIVERMORE AND LOS ALAMOS; HOWEVER, SCIATT BELIEVES THAT KALISKI THINKS OF HIMSELF AS BEING SCIENTIFICALLY ON A PAR WITH ALL THE LEADING WORLD RESEARCHERS IN LASER FUSION. ALL OF THE NON-AMERICAN LEADING RESEARCHERS IN THIS FIELD EXCEPT KALISKI HAVE MADE THE PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERMORE AND LOS ALAMOS, THE TWIN MECCAS OF THE U.S. LASER FUSION RESEARCH. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WOULD BE IMPOLITIC TO DENY KALISKI SUCH A VISIT, ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS SOFIVET COLLEAGUE, BASOV, WHO IS NOT A MINISTER, HAS MADE THAT TRIP, AND SINCE KALISKI HIMSELF HOSTED THE LIVERMORE AND LOS ALAMOS PERSONNEL AT A FACILITY THAT, IN POLAND, IS ALSO CONSIDERED SENSITIVE.

12. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 5, REFERENCE B, THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES ERDA'S SUGGESTION OF AN ALTERNATE VISIT TO MOSHE LUBIN'S LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER. LUBIN'S SHIP IN SINDEED A FINDE LABORATORY BUT, LUBINS'S PAST RELUCTANCE TO ADMIT VISITORS, EVEN AMERICANS, TO HIS LABORATORY IS LEGENDARY AND MAY BE AN OBSTACLE TO KALISKI ALSO.

13. THE THREE-DAY DELAY OF THE KALISKI TRIP AND COINCIDENT ANNUAL SCIATT MEETING IN WASHINGTON MAKE IT IMPRACTICAL FOR KSANDER TO TRAVEL WITH KALISKI TO THE U.S. ON MAY 16 AND ON TO THE WEST COAST. HOWEVER, WITH NSF'S CONCURRENCE, KSANDER IS PREPARED TO REJOIN THE KALISKI PARTY AFTER THE WEST COAST TRIP FOR THE MIT VISIT AND RETURN TRAVEL TO POLAND ON MAY 26.

14. THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

IS THE RANKING POLISH INSTITUTION INVOLVED IN U.S.-POLISH
JOINT-FUND ACTIVITIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IT ALOS
RANKS HIGH IN THE FULBRIGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THE EMBASSY
ASSIGNS A HIGH PRIORITY TO KALISKI'S VISIT TO THE U.S. AND
WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS.
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